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Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
February 23, 2009
St. Mary's 113 B; 1:00 PM

Present: P. Benson, D. Biers, D. Darrow (presiding), G. Doyle, H. Gauder, N. Jolani, R. Kearns, L. Laubach

Absent: J. Greenlee, A. Reichle, J. Saliba, A. Seielstad

Guest: J. Farrelly (Faculty Board)

Opening Prayer: Bob Kearns opened the meeting with a prayer.

Roll Call: Eight of twelve members of the committee were present.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of February 16, 2009 were approved as written.

Announcements:

- a. Senate elections will start on Tuesday, Feb 24, 2009.
- b. The Dean of Students will be sending an email to instructors asking them to consider the days surrounding St Patrick's Day, March 17, as regular school days. Expectations of student performance should not be lowered. Inappropriate behavior should not be tolerated.
- c. Committee chairs are reminded that minutes should be sent to Yolanda Copeland for posting on the Senate web page.

Committee Reports:

Academic Policies Committee – The APC has approved a five page summary of the comments received from the faculty and departments concerning the CAP proposal. It will be sent to ECAS and posted on Quickplace for all faculty to read. The 200+ pages of comments concerning the CAP proposal will also be placed on Quickplace as soon as permission is received from the contributors.

The APC will be working on the next steps to take with the CAP. It is likely that the total program will be divided into sections, first attempting to come to agreement with those aspects of the CAP proposal that had the least objections from the faculty.

Faculty Affairs Committee – The FAC will be discussing the Intellectual Properties revision with Tom Skill (Associate Provost) at its March 3 meeting.

Student Academic Policies Committee – The committee to develop a new student assessment of instructions form has been assembled.

Smoking Policy Committee – Bob Kearns will represent the Senate on the Smoking Policies Committee.

New Business: The President of the University has asked that the spring faculty meeting be delayed until after May 1, so that he will have better information concerning the student deposits for next year's entering class. It was suggested that Tuesday afternoon after grades are due, May 5, would be best.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 pm.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Monday, March 2, 2009 at 1:00 pm in St. Mary's 113 B

Respectfully Submitted By: George R. Doyle, Jr., Secretary of the Senate